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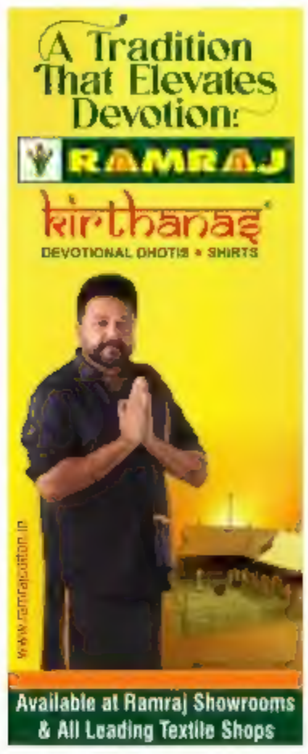
HOCKEY HUB ODISHA WINS NATIONAL TITLE

After investing in infrastructure, promotion, including sponsoring both men & women's national teams, the state has emerged on top. In the final on Saturday, Odisha defeated Haryana 5-1 to win the title at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium in Chennai. For Odisha, Rajat Akash Tirkey scored the first goal before Pratap Lakra doubled the lead in the 39th minute. In the fourth quarter, Shilanand Lakra scored three goals to seal the title | **P13**



MAOISTS

5 Maoists killed in Ch'garh

The ultras, including two women fighters, belonged to the outlawed CPI (Maoist). Two jawans were injured in the gunfight | **P10**

Imphal on boil, mob storms houses of mins

Speculation rife on some BJP MLAs resigning

PRASANTA MAZUMDAR @Guwahati

MASSIVE protests broke out in Manipur's Imphal valley on Saturday after the bodies of six persons, believed to be of those reported missing from Jiribam district on Monday, were recovered from a river close to the border of Assam's Cachar and Manipur's Jiribam districts.

Miscreants also vandalised and burned down five churches and six houses in Jiribam on Saturday evening, the Indigenous Tribal Advocacy Committee claimed.

In the wake of widespread protests, the state government temporarily suspended internet and mobile data services in the affected districts.

The protesters attacked the houses of several MLAs and damaged properties at some places. They also stormed the houses of two BJP ministers. Vehicles were also set on fire. One of the MLAs, whose house was targeted, was R K Imo, who is the son-in-law of Chief Minister N Biren Singh.

As the protesters are going for the jugular of the elected members for failing to control the escalating violence, speculations are rife that some of the BJP's legislators could resign on Sunday.

The influential Meitei organisation 'Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity' announced a civil disobedience movement from Saturday.

Imphal saw massive protests on Saturday after six bodies were found

The bodies of all six persons were taken to the nearby Silchar Medical College and Hospital (SMCH) in Assam's Cachar district for post-mortem. Three of the bodies were recovered on Friday and the others on Saturday. The state government in a statement issued earlier in the day confirmed that three of the bodies were of the missing persons.

Three women and three children went missing from Jiribam following Monday's gunfight in which CRPF and police personnel had gunned down 10 "militants". Kuki-Zo organisations claimed they were "village volunteers".

Tension had been building across the Imphal valley since Friday night following reports about the recovery of three bodies. The protests intensified later in the day on Saturday when reports emerged about the recovery of three more bodies.

Constrained by Takht, Badal calls it quits

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

EMBATTLED Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) president Sukhbir Singh Badal on Saturday submitted his resignation, drawing the curtain over two decades of dynastic rule in the second oldest political party in the country.

His position in the party had become untenable after the Akal Takht, the highest temporal seat of Sikhs, declared him a *tankhayia* (guilty of religious misconduct) two-and-a-half months ago but did not announce his sentence and barred him from any political activity.

Ever since his father Parkash Singh Badal became party president in 1995, it became a Badal family pocket borough, with the baton of presidentship being passed to Sukhbir in 2008.

On August 29, Sukhbir had appointed senior party leader Balwinder Singh Bhundar as the SAD working president. SAD leader Dr Daljit Singh Cheema said Bhunder has convened an emergency meeting of the SAD Working Committee on Monday to consider Sukhbir's resignation and chart out the next course of action, including initiating the process to elect his successor. The last organisational elections was held on December 14, 2019. Sukhbir had recently suffered a fracture on his right foot and underwent a corrective surgery at the PGI in Chandigarh. His resignation comes three days after he approached the Akal Takht with a fresh appeal to Jathedar Giani Raghbir Singh (High Priest) to convene a meeting of the clergy soon to pronounce his religious punishment.

On August 30, Sukbir was declared *tankhaiya* for the mistakes committed by his party's government from 2007 to 2017 when he was deputy chief minister and SAD president.

EXPRESS READ

DKS hints at disciplinary action against Zameer

Bengaluru: Calling out Waqf Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan for his 'racist' remarks on Union Minister and state JDS chief HD Kumaraswamy, Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Saturday hinted at taking disciplinary action against him | **P4**

EXPRESS INTAKE

Mob attacks woman, daughter for 'prostitution', 3 arrested | **P3**

Nayanthara spars with Dhanush over Netflix documentry | P5

Get Friday speeches vetted, Waqf Board to mosques | **P10**

Upa Lokayukta seeks relief for 93-yr-old woman convict

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI @ Kalaburagi

MOVED by the plight of a 93-year-old woman convict at the central jail here on Saturday, Upa Lokayukta Justice B Veerappa telephoned Advocate General Shashikiran Shetty and asked him to file a review petition before the Supreme Court on behalf of the legal services authority to get relief to her.

Nagamma of Jewargi taluk, who is awaiting confirmation of three years of jail term from the Supreme Court in a dowry harassment case, is bedridden and even unable to speak properly.

She depends on jail staffers even to go to the toilet. However, her son, who was also arrested in the same case, was acquitted by the court for want of evidence.

The Upa Lokayukta, after seeing her poor health condition, told reporters that he is "seeing such a case for the first time. As she has been convicted by the Supreme Court, she will not get immediate relief. We have to file a review petition."

He directed the jail officials and secretary of the district legal services authority Srinivas Nawale to send Nagamma's details, including her medical report, to the advocate general at the earliest.

BAD HABITS

Man murders 14-year-old son with cricket bat

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

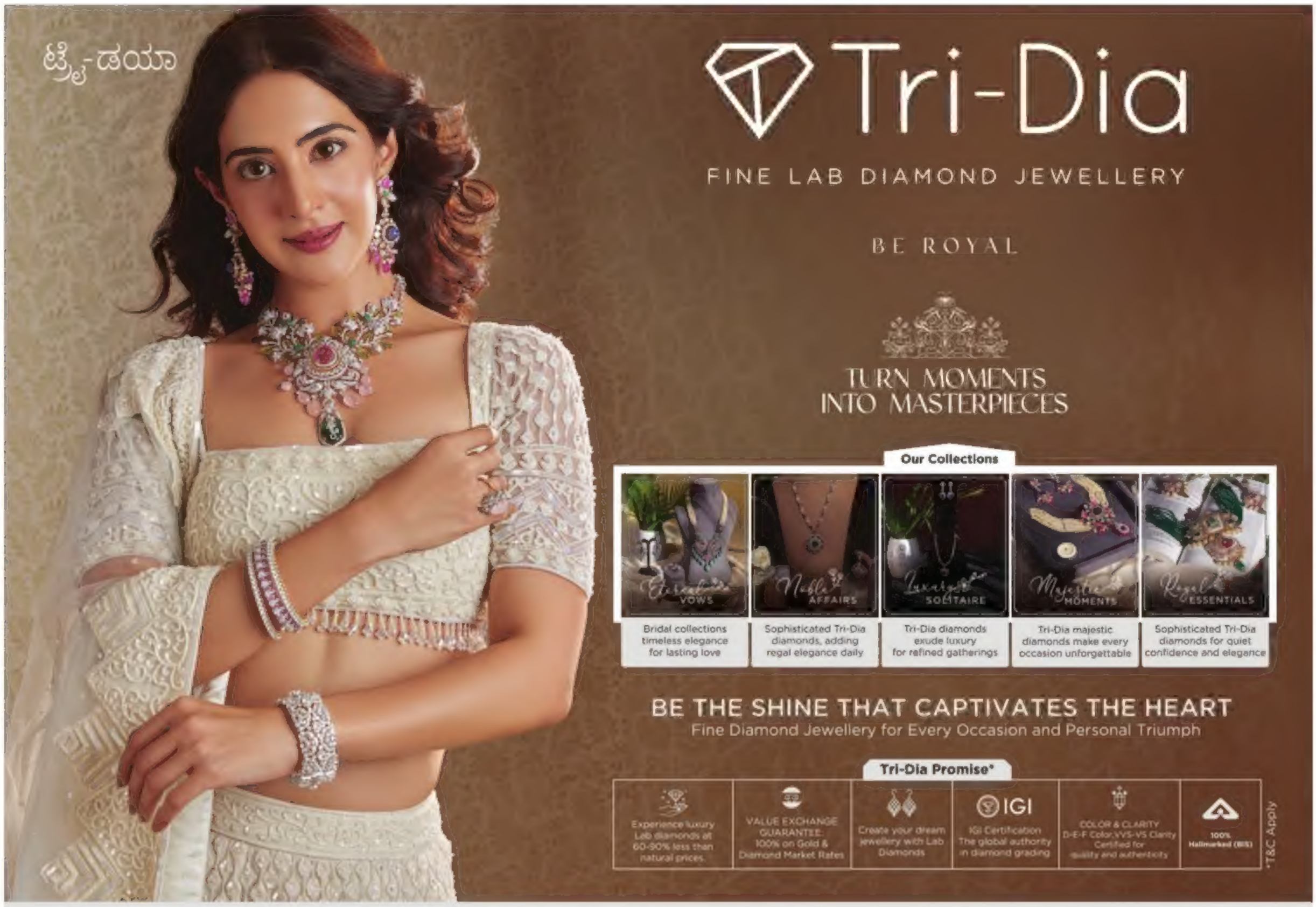
A 14-year-old boy was allegedly murdered by his father for being in a bad company and not going to school at Kashi Nagar in Kumaraswamy Layout police limits on Friday.

The deceased has been identified as R Tejus, who was a Class 9 student. His father Ravi Kumar, a carpenter, was arrested on Saturday morning. The boy's mother works in a garment factory. Tejus was their second child.

Kumar, who is said to be an alcoholic, reportedly wanted Tejus to study well. But Tejus used to bunk classes and roam around with a group of boys. He was addicted to bad habits and always used to be on his mobile phone.

After learning that Tejus had habits such as smoking and drinking, his father warned him not to do so and study well. Tejus stopped going to school 20 days ago after his father neither got his phone repaired nor bought a new one.

On Friday, Tejus did not go to school and was at home. He was also reportedly drunk when Kumar sought to know why he did not go to school that day. Seeing his son in an inebriated state, Kumar allegedly beat him up with a cricket bat and pushed him against the wall around 8.30 am. Later, Tejus developed health complications and collapsed. **P5**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